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On Thursday, May 3 at 2:30 p.m., a ceremony was held to rename the university's physics building in honor of scientist, scholar and educator John S. Toll. Toll, who is now president of Washington College in Chestertown, and professor of physics and chancellor emeritus at Maryland, is a former physics department chair at Maryland and former president and chancellor of the University of Maryland System (now the University System of Maryland). Above (l to r) are current physics chair Jordan Goodman (rear); John Wheeler of Princeton University, eminent physicist and Toll's former thesis adviser; Toll; and Donald Langenberg, University System of Maryland chancellor and physics professor. Toll expressed his gratitude for the honor and his pride at the example of excellence now being set by the Maryland physics department.

## Smith School Receives High Marks in Wall Street Journal Survey

Companies that recruit MBA graduates are high on the university's Robert H. Smith School of Business.

According to the results of the first-ever Wall Street Journal/Harris Interactive Business School Survey, corporate recruiters rank the Smith School 13th overall worldwide among the survey's top 50 schools. The newspaper published the survey results in a recent special section titled "The Top Business Schools."

The Smith School also earned five top-10 rankings:

- fifth among top public schools
- fifth among "hidden gems" ... whose graduates sparkle
- eighth in "overall value for the money invested in the recruiting effort"

• eighth in students' entrepreneurial skills

• eighth among small schools (with less than 500 full-time MBA students).

"This is wonderful news, especially for our students and our current and prospective corporate recruiters," said Howard Frank, dean of the Smith School. "Smith MBAs provide incredible value in the workplace. They are smart, they are well prepared to handle the challenges of the digital economy, and their communication, problem-solving, and teamwork skills are exceptional."

The Wall Street Journal/Harris Interactive Business School Survey is based on the

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## Chinese Ambassador, Spiritual Leader Discuss Taiwan Defense

Stephen Chen, who recently retired from 47 years as a diplomatic officer from Taiwan to the United States, and Suheil Bushrui, Baha'i chair on world peace, offered contrasting opinions on Taiwan defense issues at a forum held May 2 at Marie Mount Hall.

During the discussion—"Defending Taiwan: Necessity? Provocation?"—Chen offered his view on the Bush administration's controversial offer to sell \$90 billion in arms to Taiwan and how it will affect

cross-strait relations between Taiwan and China. An Institute for Global Chinese Affairs fellow, Chen also discussed the countries' relations with the United States during his presentation.

Bushrui, in his comments, provided a spiritual understanding of internecine conflict and the future conditions that will allow for the unification of China and Taiwan.

China holds that the existence of Taiwan under Republican rule for more than 50 years is an affront to

Chinese dignity for which it has attempted to isolate Taiwan diplomatically and to force its capitulation.

The Nationalist government under General Chiang Kai-shek was plagued with tremendous corruption. Its inept governance of China, repeated failed attempts to exterminate the Communists, and refusal to fight the Japanese who occupied parts of China from 1931-45 led to its defeat and flight to Taiwan

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## Independent Bookseller Makes Campus Connections

In 1985, more than 23 million people died after the Nevado del Ruiz volcano in Colombia erupted. In 1993, nine people were killed when volcano Galeras, also in Colombia, blew

new book "No Apparent Danger: The True Story of Volcanic Disaster at Galeras and Nevado del Ruiz," explores the controversy surrounding these disasters. University geologist Karen



Photo by Cynthia Mitchell

Todd Stewart and Bridget Warren hope to give students an alternative to chain store offerings.

almost taking the lives of scientists exploring it at the time. What still bothers many in the volcanological community is how accurately these tragedies could have been predicted.

Victoria Bruce, in her

Prestegard saw an opportunity to bring two of her interests together, and serve the community at the same time. Her department is co-sponsoring an appearance by Bruce at Vertigo Books in

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## Technology Takes Care of You Campus-created Assistant Changes How We Live

Imagine a trip to the airport with no headaches.

You're sitting in your office, and your personal electronic communications assistant beeps to remind you that you must leave. On your way to the Metro station, it tells you which trains to catch. You arrive at the airport, and your electronic assistant has already communicated with the terminal, so there are no tickets to pick up, and it has already informed you that your plane

is arriving at gate 40.

On your way to the gate, you pick up the latte that your assistant has ordered for you and paid for at Starbucks. You get to the gate, enter the plane and occupy the window seat at the front of the plane, which your assistant has secured for you per your specifications.

Personal communication devices and systems will soon change the way we work and play. They will coordinate our schedules,

enable us to communicate with anyone, anywhere, and give us instant access to location-specific information that will help us to navigate our lives. We will be able to find out where our friends are, get directions to go see them, and tell them we're coming all with one device. We'll even be able to contact the police in the event of an emergency, and they'll know where we are.

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Your Guide to University Events  
May 8-18

## Tuesday may 8

12-1:30 p.m., Seminar: "APT Brown Bag Lunch." Maryland Room, Marie Mount Hall. (Details in **For Your Interest**, p.8.)

2-4 p.m., Linguistics Colloquium: "Scope of Indefinites at ages 4 to 7." With Irene Kraemer, University of Delaware Department of Linguistics Acquisition and Semantics. 0103 Jimenez. (The linguistics graduate students organize a colloquium series every fall and spring semester, bringing linguists in from all over the world to present their most current work. Often, the Maryland Colloquium Series is the first public presentation of ground-breaking research. Colloquium talks are open to the public, and take place on Fridays at 2 p.m. in Marie Mount Hall, Room 1304.) For more information, contact Graciela Tesean at 5-6947 or graciela@wam.umd.edu.

4 p.m., Physics Colloquium: "CP Violation in Decays of B Mesons—The First Results from the BaBar Experiment." With Hassan Jawahery, professor of physics, University of Maryland. Preceded by refreshments at 3:30 p.m. 1410 Physics. Call 5-3401.

4-5 p.m., Food Science Seminar: "Cancer Chemoprevention by Grape Constituents." With Keith Singletary, Department of Nutrition, University of Illinois. Co-sponsored by the graduate program in food science and JIFSAN (Joint Institute for Food Safety & Nutrition). 2107 Plant Sciences. For more information, contact Bernadene Magnuson at 5-4523 or bml150@uamail.umd.edu.

6 p.m., Film: "All My Loved Ones (Vsiichni moji blizci)." Directed by Matej Minac. (Czech Republic, 1999. 95 min. 35 mm. In Czech with English subtitles.) Part of the Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies film series. 1240 Biology-Psychology Building. Call 5-4975 or visit [www.inform.umd.edu/ARHU/Depts/jwst/FilmSchedule.html](http://www.inform.umd.edu/ARHU/Depts/jwst/FilmSchedule.html) for a description of the film.

## Wednesday may 9

12-1 p.m., Research & Development Meeting: "Factors Affecting Employment Success Among African American

Women Making Welfare-to-Work Transitions." With Cicely Horsham-Brathwaite, psychological intern. 0114 Counseling Center, Shoemaker Bldg. For more information, contact Stacey Holmes at sehomes@wam.umd.edu.

4-5 p.m., Astronomy Colloquium: "Pulsar Wind Nebulae." With Dr. Roger Chevalier, University of Virginia. 2400 Computer & Space Sciences. Colloquia are usually preceded by coffee and followed by an informal reception (both in room CSS 0254). Contact Derek Richardson at 5-8786 or coll-request@astro.umd.edu.

## Thursday may 10

3:15-5:30 p.m., University Senate Meeting. 0200 Skinner. All members of the campus community are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, call 5-5805 or e-mail college-park-senate@uamail.umd.edu.

7:30-8:45 p.m., "Physics is Phun: Water." Physics Department Lecture Halls, Physics Building. Doors open by 7 p.m. For more information, call 5-5994. To volunteer, call Bernie at 5-5949 a week before the program. Or visit [www.physics.umd.edu/lecdem](http://www.physics.umd.edu/lecdem).

## Friday may 11

9 a.m.-4 p.m., OIT Shortcourse Training: "Advanced MS Word." Participants will work with styles, create form templates, add graphics to documents, use features that simplify working with large documents and more. The recommended prerequisite to this course is MS Word (Level 2) or equivalent knowledge. 0121 Main Administration. The fee for the class is \$80. For more information and to register, please visit [www.oit.umd.edu/sc](http://www.oit.umd.edu/sc). Or contact the OIT Training Services Coordinator at 5-0443 or oit-training@uamail.umd.edu.\*

12 p.m., Seminar: "State-Dependent Auditory Processing in the Avian Song System." With Marc F. Schmidt, Department of Biology, University of

Pennsylvania. Part of the Neuroscience and Cognitive Science Program 2001 Spring Seminar Series. 1208 Biology-Psychology. Visit [www.life.umd.edu/NACS](http://www.life.umd.edu/NACS) or call 5-8910.

5 p.m., Performance: "New Dances," an informal presentation of new work. Sponsored by the Student Dance Association. Dance Theatre, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. For more information, call 5-7847.

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8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Dance: "Black Faculty and Staff Spring Dance," featuring DJ Lady D. Stamp Student Union. Cash bar, hot and cold food. \$17.50 in advance, \$20 at the door. For tickets, contact Roberta Coates, 5-8481; Mary Cothran, 5-6515; Brenda Cox, 5-5848 or Jill Fordyce, 5-9277.

## Monday may 14

4 p.m., Entomology Colloquium. With Stewart Berlocher, Department of Entomology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. 1140 Plant Sciences Building. Call 5-3795.

## Tuesday may 15

4 p.m., Physics Colloquium: "Jamming." With Sid Nagel, professor of physics, University of Chicago. Preceded by refreshments at 3:30 p.m. 1410 Physics Building (Physics lecture hall). Call 5-3401.

### calendar guide:

Calendar phone numbers listed as 4-xxxx or 5-xxxx stand for the prefix 314 or 405. Calendar information for *Outlook* is compiled from a combination of informM's master calendar and submissions to the *Outlook* office.

**Submissions are due two weeks prior to the date of publication.** To reach the calendar editor, call 405-7615 or e-mail to [outlook@accmail.umd.edu](mailto:outlook@accmail.umd.edu). \*Events are free and open to the public unless noted by an asterisk (\*).

## Black Academics, Administrators to Define Agenda

"Defining the New Black Agenda in Higher Education" is the theme of the 14th Annual Conference for Blacks in Higher Education. It will be held May 30-June 1 at the Greenbelt Marriott Hotel, Greenbelt, Md. Keynote speakers are: Dr. Yolande Moses, president, American Association of Higher Education and Na'im Akbar, president, Mind Productions and Assoc., Inc. and former president of the National Association of Black Psychologists. University students will be featured on a panel called "Student Report Card—Today's African American Students Speak."

Some of the session titles are: Making for a More Inclusive Curriculum, Collaborative Student Programming and Initiatives, Who's Acting White? Addressing the Academic Achievement Gap and the Legal and Practical Implications of the Changing Admissions Environment. There will also be a roundtable discussion with senior administrators on the definition of the new black agenda.

For more information or to register please contact Gail Brown at (301) 405-4183 or register on-line at [www.umd.edu/bfsaconference](http://www.umd.edu/bfsaconference). Conference fees are \$195 for faculty/staff and \$295 for the general audience.

## Saturday may 19

8 p.m. Concert: Prince George's Choral Society's final concert of the season. Berwyn Presbyterian Church in Berwyn Heights. Light dessert buffet following the performances in the church fellowship hall. \$10, \$8 for seniors and students. For reservations, contact Jack Donley at (301) 474-7815. For more information, call (301) 454-1463.\*

## Wednesday may 16

2-4 p.m., Seminar: "Writing Wrongs: Better Memos, Business Letters and E-mails." (Details in **For Your Interest**, page 8.)

3-4:30 p.m., Reception for Provost Gregory L. Geoffroy, in celebration of his appointment as president of Iowa State University. Colony Ballroom, Stamp Student Union. RSVP to Sapienza Barone at 5-5790 or sbarone@deans.umd.edu.

## Thursday may 17

5:30-7:30 p.m. Mixer: First Annual Business and Technology Regional Mixer. Grand Pavilion of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Free. Complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres. To register, visit [www.mdhitech.org/Calendar/html/52.html](http://www.mdhitech.org/Calendar/html/52.html) or call Cindy McGowan at (301) 403-4111.

## Friday may 18

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Conference: "19th Annual Professional Concepts Exchange Conference" for non-exempt staff. (Details in **For Your Interest**, p.8.)

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## Passing the Bow

*Guarneri Quartet's Soyer to Leave Protégé in His Place*

**A**t 11 years old, cellist Peter Wiley heard a performance that changed his life. While a music student taking lessons in Utica, New York, he had the privilege of seeing and meeting The Guarneri Quartet, who were in residence at nearby Harper College. The experience left a lasting impression, and was a defining moment for young Wiley. He decided that he would be a professional musician, and that someday he would join a string quartet. He never dreamed that it would be the Guarneri.

On Friday, May 11, on the stage of the Concert Hall, The Guarneri String Quartet will repeat their May 8 Carnegie Hall "farewell" performance for

cellist David Soyer who will be leaving the Guarneri after 37 years. His successor: Peter Wiley.

In the intervening years since meeting the Guarneri, Wiley went on to

ly pleased that he will be the one replacing me."

"The Guarneri Quartet became the standard for me," states Wiley. "It was what I wanted to become. This is the end of a long

road for me, but is also a wonderful beginning. David Soyer is a great artist, a wonderful and caring teacher, and my friend. I am humbled and honored to fill his chair with The Guarneri String Quartet."

The program for the performance will include repertory for quartet by

Beethoven to be performed by the original members of the quartet, and Schubert's Cello Quintet, with both Soyer and Wiley performing.

Ticket prices are \$16 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and \$10 for students. For tickets, contact the ticket office at (301) 405-7847.



study with David Soyer in his first cello class at The Curtis Institute of Music in 1968, and has become an accomplished cellist in his own right.

"Peter Wiley was one of my best and favorite students...I have always felt very close to him, almost like a father. I am extreme-

## CLARICE SMITH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT MARYLAND



### Fancy Footwork at Final Take 5

Looking to learn a new step or to enhance your dance moves? Join us on Tuesday, May 8 from 5:30-6:15 p.m. in the Studio Theatre for a free salsa lesson!

The last **Take 5** event of the semester will feature Eileen Torres, a versatile and enthusiastic dancer and instructor of salsa, mambo and cha-cha. First, learn the basics of salsa dancing, then put your new moves in motion with a live performance from La Romana, Washington, D.C.'s premier salsa orchestra. Dance the night away until 9 p.m.



Department of Theatre Professor **Mitchell Hébert** will be performing in a radio production of "Seven Days in May," a co-production of WETA and LA Theatre Works. The radio production will be taped before a live audience and includes Ed Asner as President Jordan Lyman. This is the first time that "Seven" has been produced as a play. The book was made into a film starring Burt Lancaster, Frederick March, Ava Gardner and Kirk Douglas. Hébert will be playing the Kirk Douglas role, Col. Casey. Nick Olcott will direct. The production will air this fall on WETA.

## Cellist and Cello Lovers Converge for Leonard Rose Competition

Members of the international music community will be coming to the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center May 24-June 2 for events featuring and celebrating the cello: the Leonard Rose International Cello Competition and the Sixth American Cello Congress.

The Leonard Rose Cello Competition, named for the most influential American-born cellist of the 20th century, is the only North American cello competition

of the prestigious World Federation of International Music Competitions based in Geneva, Switzerland.

Forty-two contestants from 13 nations will be vying for top honor. Several days of preliminary and semi-final rounds will culminate with competition finals on June 2, with The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Yuri Temirkanov, music director and David Lockington, conductor. The first prize winner receives \$20,000 and engagements, including a

recital in Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, in New York City.

Sponsors of the event include The Gazette Newspapers, WGMS-FM, Maryland Public Television, Jordan Kitt's Music, STRINGS magazine and Quintus Corporation.

"It's very exciting that we are able to showcase the work of one of the very best American teachers and musicians of the 20th century in our extraordinary new facilities," says George Moquin,

director of competitions.

In conjunction with the competition, The Sixth American Cello Congress will take place, featuring lecture demonstrations, concerts, exhibitions and symposia focused on the art of ensemble performance.

For more information on the Leonard Rose Cello Competition, visit the center's Web site at [www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu](http://www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu). For tickets, contact the Center Ticket Office at (301) 405-7847.

## Creating an Orchestra Composed of Tomorrow's Talent

**F**or three weeks this June, the best and the brightest college-age musicians will come together to create the National Orchestra Institute Philharmonic and will have a rare opportunity to work with distinguished conductors and musicians.

The School of Music's National Orchestra Institute (NOI), which was established in 1987, helps young students make the transition from academia to professional orchestras while honing their performance skills. Each week, approximately 90 NOI students, selected by applica-

tion and annual U.S. regional auditions, train with distinguished conductors in preparation for public performances. Training includes mock auditions and masterclasses to help these young artists compete for professional symphony positions.

This year's public performances will feature renowned conductors Lan Shui, Gerard Schwarz and David Lockington.

The public performances will be held in the Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The following is the performance schedule:

Saturday, June 9 at 8 p.m.

Lan Shui, conductor  
Music Director for the Singapore Symphony Orchestra  
**Strauss**—*Till Eulenspiegels Lustige Streiche*  
**Stucky**—*Dream Waltzes*  
**Rimsky-Korsakov**—*Scheherazade, op. 35*

Sunday, June 17 at 2 p.m.

Gerard Schwarz, conductor  
Music Director of the Seattle Symphony  
**Beethoven**—*Coriolan Overture*  
**Stravinsky**—*Firebird Suite (1919)*

**Shostakovich**—*Symphony no. 8*

Saturday, June 23 at 8 p.m.

David Lockington, conductor  
Music Director, Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra  
**Wagner**—*Overture to The Flying Dutchman*  
**Bartók**—*Suite from The Miraculous Mandarin*  
**Brahms**—*Symphony no. 2.*

Ticket prices are \$15, \$12 for seniors and \$5 for students. For information, contact the ticket office at (301) 405-7847.



Conductor Lan Shui

Photo by Melinda Ng



## Transportation Survey Seeks Input

**L**eon Igras, Director of the Department of Environmental Safety (DES), reminds all UM employees who receive a Parking and Transportation Survey Form in the next several weeks to be sure to fill it out and send it back to DES.

The survey is being sent to 19,225 UM personnel and features 35 questions about how the university can improve access to and from the campus. The survey form was designed by transportation consultants, Wilbur Smith and Associates, working with DES, the Facilities Master Planning Subcommittee for Vehicular and Pedestrian Movement and Parking, and the Civil Engineering Department. Questions cover the use of mass transportation, bicycles, car pools, van pools and automobiles.

"The Washington, D.C.,

area is a wonderful place to live and work, but has very significant environmental challenges facing it, including the seventh-worst ozone level and the second-worst traffic congestion in the United States," said Igras.

Future growth projections for the area include a significant increase in single vehicles with minimal increase in road surface area to accommodate all the vehicles.

"The university, as well as the region, need to evaluate and support more environmentally sound ways for people to get to and from work," said Igras.

The survey should be returned to DES by May 18th. Wilbur Smith and Associates will then tabulate results and develop recommendations for the university to improve access to the campus community.

## University Retirees Will Soon Have an Association of Their Own

**A**fter a total of 30 years with the university, David Clarke, former chairman of the department of kinesiology, had no problems making his adjustment to retirement in 1998.

"I didn't experience any difficulty," he said. "I thought I would. Everybody says it's quite an adjustment to make."

Still, he understands how losing connection with the university could lead to a sense of dislocation. "In so many ways, you're left out of the loop," he said. "You're sort of dropped from the rolls. You don't get any e-mail."

So when he received one of about 800 surveys sent last summer to UM retirees and emeriti regarding their interest in forming a University of Maryland Retirees Association, he thought it a good idea. So good, in fact, that he signed on to one of five planning committees shaping the new association.

On May 17, at 10 a.m. at the Inn and Conference Center, the 80 retirees on the committees will hold their second meeting. All retirees interested in helping to plan for the association's creation are welcome. The first official meeting of the association is planned for Sept. 12.

"An underlying issue is that our retirees want to continue to be recognized in simple ways at the university," said Laura Wilson, director of the Center on Aging. "A retiree association becomes the starting point for continuing connections with the university and each other."

Added Clarke, "There have

been attempts along the way to make wishes of retired folks known, but it just never has come together in any concerted way until now."

The Center on Aging is playing a lead role in the start-up, along with the School of Education, the Office of Continuing and Extended Education, and University Relations, all of which are providing first-year funding.

Committees have been established on retiree benefits, meeting and social functions, communication, campus engagement and civic engagement. Plans are under way to develop a retirees' resource handbook that would cover the same sort of issues and opportunities as the faculty or student handbooks, but from the perspective of university retirees.

For example, the annual handbook would contain a calendar of events and listing of privileges and costs for dining facilities, recreation centers, athletic events, electronic communications and publications, to name a few of a long list of campus resources.

"We hope to produce a first-year guide that would contain information we've all struggled to get after we retire," said Marti Hooker, who retired after 20 years as a McKeldin Library reference librarian and instructor with the College of Library and Information Services (now known as the College of Information Studies).

And the street would run both ways. Retirees could stay listed in the faculty-staff directo-

ry if they wish, and could register for a speakers' bureau. Already, the planning group has gathered 837 names for a retiree database.

Virginia Beauchamp, an English professor emerita, former chair of the Women's Commission and founder of the Women's Studies Initiative, is the association's steering committee member for campus engagement. She has been working with managers of the Rossborough Inn to arrange venues for regular association activities.

"This is still ongoing," said Sharon Simson, Senior University coordinator and steering committee representative from the communication committee. "But it's a good start."

Wilson, steering committee representative on civic engagement, said her committee has identified environmental and historic preservation, school mentoring and literacy, and a speakers' bureau as foci for retirees who want to offer their expertise to the larger community. "We wanted not a single point of contact, but an ongoing contact," she said.

Retirees also could, through the association, continue to contribute to the mission of the university by mentoring or fundraising. And with their institutional memory, "they are a great resource for the campus," said Joan Patterson, director of the alumni association for 28 years.

For further information on the nascent association, call (301) 405-2469, or e-mail Laura Wilson, lw20@umail.umd.edu.

## Better Living Through Botany

"Picture Maryland: Where do we grow from here?" is a 32-page publication containing information on how Maryland's landscape is changing and provides practical tips on what you can do to create more livable communities and enjoy a healthier, more relaxed way of life.

A joint project of Maryland's Tributary Teams and The Baltimore Sun, the reader-

friendly publication was developed by an interagency workgroup that includes several faculty and staff of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. It was distributed to more than 1 million Marylanders with the April 22, 2001, issue of the newspaper. If you haven't yet seen this citizens' resource, check out the following URL: [www.picturemaryland.net](http://www.picturemaryland.net).

## Smith School

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opinions of 1,600 recruiters of MBA students. Recruiters rated business schools and their students on 27 attributes. School attributes included the core curriculum, success in preparing students for the new economy, and the past success that recruiters have had among graduates from a school. Student attributes included communication and interpersonal skills, ability to work well within a team, entrepreneurial skills, and analytical and problem-solving skills.

The Wall Street Journal's rankings are the latest in top rankings earned by the Smith School of Business this year. In January, the Financial Times published the results of its survey of MBA programs worldwide

in which the Smith School was ranked fourth in information technology, sixth in faculty research, seventh in entrepreneurship and 23rd overall worldwide. The Smith School also was ranked 19th in the United States.

Earlier this month, U.S. News & World Report published the results of its latest survey of MBA programs nationwide; the Smith School was ranked in the top 25 in five categories, including ninth in information systems management, 19th in entrepreneurship, and 29th overall. And in its most recent survey of TechnoMBA programs, Computerworld magazine in 1999 ranked the Smith School number three nationwide.

For more information on the Robert H. Smith School of Business, visit [www.rhsmith.umd.edu](http://www.rhsmith.umd.edu).

## Honoring Those Who Serve



**D**uring an elegant ceremony in the Maryland Room of Marie Mount Hall last Thursday, four people were recognized for their contributions to the quality of life for persons with disabilities at the university. The event was sponsored by the President's Commission on Disability Issues.

(l-r) Elizabeth Shearn, with the counseling department, received the 2001 Faculty Disability Achievement award; Andre M. Perry, with the Office of Educational Leadership and Policy, received the 2001 Student Disability Achievement award; Thomas J. Newlin, with the Office of Information Technology, received the 2001 John W. King Staff Disability award. King was a reference librarian at Hornbake Library who specialized in providing services to the handicapped. William R. Scales, director of the Office of Disability issues, received a special recognition award.



# Maryland Day 2001: *Oh, What a Time We Had!*



Photos by Cynthia Mitchell (except where noted)

**T**hanks to good weather and enormous efforts by the university community, Maryland Day 2001 exceeded organizers' expectations by more than 20,000, bringing more than 62,000 visitors to the campus on April 28.

"It was indeed an amazing day," said Brodie Remington, vice president for university relations. "I had the luxury of just darting around, sampling."

President Dan Mote set out three goals for building "the Maryland Family" in his 1999 state of the campus address. One of them was to have 50,000 visitors for Maryland Day by the year 2004.

"We blew the roof off that goal three years early," says

Remington. "Responses to surveys conducted all over the campus demonstrated that visitors were pleased with the day's 300 activities, which came under the theme "Explore Our World."

Remington credits 5,000 vol-

unteers, mostly staff and faculty members, for making the event a success. Though there were many people involved on Saturday, months of planning went into Maryland Day.



Photo by John T. Consoil

Paul Richards, a NASA astronaut and alumnus, presented Mote with a banner from the university he carried with him during a March shuttle mission. Sheep shearing was a part of Ag Day activities, which included a cow judging demonstration, pony rides, the ever-famous ice cream factory tour and many other events.

"This really is a showcase for the university," said Remington. "But another benefit is that it brings the immediate university community together. An enormous number of faculty, staff and students were involved in making it what it is. This may be cliché, but it really was a team effort."



There was something for everyone at Maryland Day 2001. Thousands took part in children's activities held on McKeldin Mall (top). Singers and dancers performed under the big top just in front of the library. Campus organizations set up tents along the sides.

One young visitor (above) tries his hand—and body—at the Velcro wall, while other visitors sample instant ice cream made with liquid nitrogen (bottom left). Students in the neutral buoyancy facility prepare the human-powered "Terpedo" for launch (above left). A llama and an alpaca (far left) were part of the popular petting zoo. Astronaut Paul Richards signed autographs for fans (near left). Many found shade and a place to sit along the side of the mall (below).



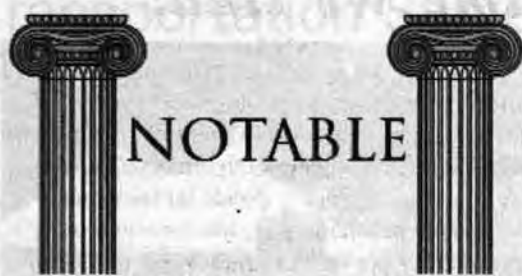
Terry Flannery, executive director of university communications and director of marketing. "Imagine the good impression we made on those who were introduced to the university for the first time."

Several hundred worked throughout much of the year planning and preparing," he said. "A smaller group, the planning and steering committee, spent even longer than that working on this."

Their efforts were not in vain. "Lots of things went supremely well," said







Professor **Suheil Bushrui**, Baha'i Chair for World Peace (BSOS) and creator of an honors seminar entitled, "The Spiritual Heritage of the Human Race," has been invited to teach a version of his class this summer at the International Academy for Human Sciences and Culture in Walenstadt, Switzerland.

This seminar is part of the United Nations Year of Dialogue Among Nations. Bushrui's honors seminar on campus is regularly one of the first to fill up at each offering; a similar response is expected from a more mature and international audience in Switzerland.

Also this summer, Bushrui will deliver the L. M. Singhvi-Temenos Interfaith Lecture at the Nehru Center in London on June 21. This lecture is also part of the United Nations Year of Dialogue Among Nations. The Prince of Wales is patron to the Temenos Academy, sponsor of the lecture.

**Joanne Ferchland-Parella** is the new executive director of development for the Robert H. Smith School of Business. Ferchland-Parella will oversee all fund-raising activities in the Business School.

She comes to Maryland from Bryant College where she was executive director of development. Ferchland-Parella has extensive experience in fund-raising, having worked previously at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., and at Villanova and Johns Hopkins universities.

## Students Live, Learn on Lakota Reservation

**Y**ou are flipping through the schedule of classes and come across a sociology class you have never seen before. It is called SOCY 398A Special Topics in Sociology: The Contemporary Experience of Native Americans.

It sounds interesting so you decide to check it out. The professor listed for the course is Linda Moghadam and she is more than happy to schedule an appointment to discuss the course.

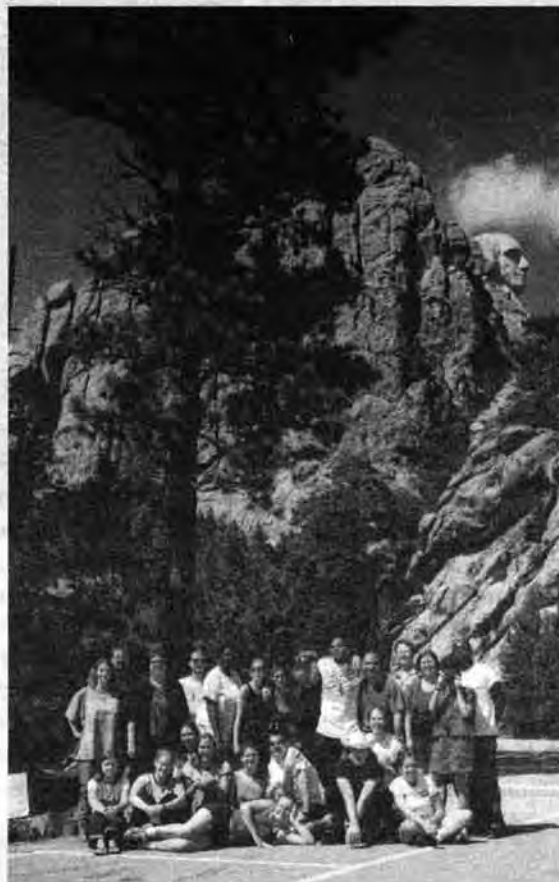
Moghadam explains that this is not an ordinary summer class. This course involves a two week trip to Standing Rock Reservation in Wakpala, South Dakota, where students live, learn and work with members of the Wakpala community.

The class gives students the chance to work with people of all ages. Last summer there was a group of 30 that participated in the program, 12 of whom were from the University of Maryland.

"For the first week the students worked on the reservation in the mornings and they took a class on Lakota culture and history at Sitting Bull Tribal College every afternoon," says Moghadam. "The second week students work at a summer camp for kids on the reservation."

Last summer the students worked on the local school. They

Painted and made much-needed repairs. On weekends, the students get to act like tourists, taking trips to Mt. Rushmore, Wounded Knee and the Black Hills.



One of Linda Moghadam's classes poses near Mount Rushmore, South Dakota, above. At right, a gateway marking Wounded Knee, site of the 1890 battle.

were invited to take part in a sweat lodge. This is something that outsiders do not get to do very often, so it was an honor to be asked," Kasim says, adding that he was touched by the energy of the children they worked with.

"I went into this with a lot of stereotypes about Native Americans. You always hear about alcoholism and poverty," Kasim says. "I had this crazy idea I was going to go save a nation. I got out there and saw that life is different, your priorities change and you realize that the people are happy with what they have."

Kasim feels that he has a lot more to learn from the Lakota people



Reservation towns are often many miles apart, so the camp activities serve to build unity and friendships among them.

Luke Kasim, a senior sociology major, recalls being carted down unpaved roads in a yellow school bus with no shocks, taking sun showers with exactly one minute of water, and horseback riding on a ranch.

"We were lucky because we

ple and as has applied for a teaching position on the reservation.

"Not only could I learn a lot from them, I feel that I could bring a new perspective into their world as well," he says. "Some of the kids out there had never seen a black man before and I am Nigerian. I had to show them on the map where Nigeria is located."

—MEGAN HOLMES

## Taiwan Defense

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at the hands of the Communist forces under Mao Zedong.

Chinese compare the Taiwan situation to one that might have happened if the Confederates had fled the South after their defeat in the American Civil War and set up shop in Puerto Rico, gaining protection from Mexico or England and then claiming to be the legitimate government of the United States.

Chen maintained that defense of Taiwan was extremely necessary as long as mainland China continued to threaten the people of Taiwan.

Having been defeated by the Communists in 1949, the Nationalists (KMT) forces retreated to Taiwan bringing their national government to Taipei. It wasn't until after the Korean War in 1954 that the United States signed a mutual defense treaty with Taiwan and resumed economic aid.

The KMT on Taiwan believe that only the democratic unification of China can

bring Taiwan and China together, Chen said. Taiwan is waiting for the People's Republic of China (PRC) to become democratic for realistic talks to take place.

Both the Communist and Nationalist governments hold that Taiwan is part of China and must not become independent.

The Democratic Progressive Party, the party of Chen Shui-bian, Taiwan's current president, advocates that Taiwan independence should take place if the population votes on it.

The PRC's design is to give Taiwan more autonomy once it unified with the People's Republic. Chen said he is unwilling for Taiwan to become the "Taiwan Special Administrative Zone of the PRC" even if the island was allowed to have troops. After all, to whom would the troops belong if not the PRC?

The flag of a future unified China is an especially difficult barrier to overcome.

Nationalists are not willing to accept the use of the red and

yellow PRC flag that many consider to be ugly and even un-Chinese, as it resembles the flag of the Soviet Union, Chen said.

He suggested that had the Nationalist government had done a terrible job and failed, most of Taiwan would advocate surrender to the PRC, but that the Nationalist government of Taiwan did not.

After the United States normalized relations with the PRC, the U.S. Congress passed the Taiwan Relations Act that required the government to aid in Taiwan's defense by selling them defensive weapons.

Although the Chinese Civil War resulted in divided families all across the global Chinese community—divisions that still exist—Chen insists it has also been a blessing in disguise. The Communists destroyed so much of Chinese culture and Taiwan has preserved that ancient culture to provide the global Chinese community with an alternative to the communist vision of Chinese culture.

China is not a communist country though the Communist Party rules it. In fact, said Chen, there is no such thing as a communist market economy. China has improved peoples' lives but not with communism. The fundamental solution to this problem is democratization. Taiwan is a young democracy and challenges China to follow it in democratizing the Chinese people.

Bushrui commented on Chen's talk with a line of discussion that turned notions of defense, sovereignty, capitalism, communism and the future of world politics completely upside-down.

What, he asked, is our vision of world politics? Where are we and where are we going? He felt that there are six major issues that face the world's present and future. These are nuclear issues, over-population, the environment, the gap between rich and poor, education and the decline in morality.

Capitalism, Bushrui said,

doesn't have a heart. Capitalism cannot survive and will eventually meet the same fate as communism. Free trade must be fair trade, which now it is not, he said. We are entering a time when we will have world citizenship, he said, a time when a global police force will protect nations but not individuals.

Globalization will eventually do away with nationalism, Bushrui said, adding that the language of the heart is still tremendously needed. Nationalism, he said, is a false god, a fetish, and sovereignty is a concept that is out of date. As human beings, he said, we need new concepts to learn how to participate in the world community; he urged audience members to become citizens of the world, not of governments.

Bushrui felt that the for Americans, the solution will be found in the United States. For China, the solution is only to be found in China.

—JUSTIN RUDELSON,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE IGCA



## Technology

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prototype of this next generation in personal communications, called the Rover Technology, was unveiled on campus during Maryland Day on April 28. During the event, users tried out the Rover Technology to help guide them through the day's activities.

The prototype device gave guests on McKeldin Mall a complete, location-specific listing of the day's events, so that no matter where they were, the assistant was able to tell them what, based upon their specified interests, there was to do nearby.

"This is the precursor of big, big, big things to come," said Ashok K. Agrawala, professor of computer science and director of the MIND Lab (Maryland Information and Network Dynamics Lab). "In the future, personal electronic guides will give you all of the information that is analogous

to your location, no matter where you are.

"They could be your guides at museums and amusement parks," Agrawala explained.

"They could help you shop and even order what you need from a store before you get there."

The Rover Technology incorporates an applications server, a wireless network and client handheld PCs. The applications

server, based in a Windows 2000 environment, gives system administrators access to information about each current user, as well as the ability

to manage events and broadcast messages.

The handheld device will give users access to their personal schedules (along with

event notification and information retrieval), as well as permission-based text messaging, location query among users, voice messaging, and context-



**President Dan Mote listens while Tamer Nadeem explains the Rover device during Maryland Day. Fellow student Suman Banerjee looks on. Seated in front of the group is Adedeji Akinoyemi.**

based information display.

The Rover Technology development team plans to incorporate Maryland's patent-pending PinPoint Technology, developed by Agrawala and his team, into their system.

PinPoint makes centimeter-accuracy location possible in a wireless network of nodes, as well as nanosecond clock determination. The Maryland Day demonstration of the Rover Technology utilized Global Positioning System (GPS) for location determination.

The Rover Technology is a joint effort between the student-driven Beacon Project ([www.ece.umd.edu/beacon](http://www.ece.umd.edu/beacon)) from the department of electrical and computer engineering, and the MIND Lab ([www.umiacs.umd.edu/mind/](http://www.umiacs.umd.edu/mind/)) from the Institute of Advanced Computer Studies in the College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences.

The university BEACON Project is a student-driven ini-

tiative dedicated towards developing enhancements to Maryland's existing security system. Since the project's formation in 1998, the group has successfully unveiled two prototype products for emergency location on campus.

The student group is currently seeking venture capital funding to form their own company and engage in a partnership Maryland.

The MIND Lab is a joint university, private industry, and federal agency initiative designed to foster new, large-scale computer science projects in the areas of wireless networking, networking infrastructure and services, information services and information-centric applications, and information assurance and security.

The PinPoint Technology, winner of one of this year's Office of Technology Commercialization's (OTC) Invention of the Year Awards at the University of Maryland, is being licensed by OTC.

## Vertigo Books

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College Park at 7 p.m. on May 8.

"I have worked with Vertigo Books since last summer when the Girl Scout troop that I co-lead decided to form a mother-daughter book club that meets monthly at Vertigo Books," says Prestegard. "When Victoria Bruce's book was published, [Vertigo co-owner] Bridget Warren called me to ask my opinion of bringing this local author to Vertigo. I thought that this would be a good idea. I found Victoria Bruce's book to be well researched and it provided an account of the volcanological, sociological and political aspects of the events in Columbia."

When the Committee on Africa and the Americas wanted to bring authors bell hooks and Cornel West to campus, it also chose Vertigo as a co-sponsor.

It is ties such as these, and more, that the independent bookstore is looking to strengthen in its new home. Vertigo just celebrated its first year in the College Park Shopping Center on Baltimore Avenue, though it had been a fixture in Washington D.C.'s Dupont Circle for almost a decade.

Husband and wife owners Todd Stewart and Bridget Warren, who have two daughters, Nora and Sophie, know it may take some time to establish themselves as a place in Prince George's County for students, faculty and staff to shop for titles.

"It's been a learning year," says Warren. "Our situation is really different here. We came from where there were bookstores all around us."

Instead of competition, those stores provided alternatives to Vertigo's focus on international politics, world literature and African American studies. Since moving out of

Washington, Warren and Stewart have had to expand their offerings to include more mainstream titles and authors to attract new customers. They still, though, claim a political focus.

"In D.C., if someone came in looking for a general interest book, we would refer them to Olsson's or B. Dalton," says Warren. "If someone wanted mystery or gay books, we'd refer them to Mystery Books or Lambda Rising."

In response to the change, Vertigo now has a mystery section, an expanded children's section and has added several thousand new titles to its inventory. "We've sold 10 times the number of Kurt Vonnegut here than we sold downtown in five years," adds Stewart.

The store's greeting card selection is one of its most popular features. Warren tells the story of a fraternity member that, after buying a Valentine's Day card from a certain line, brought back his frat brothers who then cleaned out the entire selection of that line of cards last year.

Word of mouth is a powerful advertising tool, but Warren is surprised that it isn't bringing in more students. "I don't want to sound like I'm whining, but it's surprising."

Vertigo puts fliers up on campus and sends notices of its many author appearances by e-mail to those who subscribe to a list in the store.

Though they may have lost some of their customer base, many D.C. regulars, who live in Maryland, come in more often because it is more convenient. "We've done better than we thought we would," says Warren.

"[But] People come in and ask us, 'So, how are you doing? Really,'" says Stewart. "They expect you to fail."

Warren jokes that a core of their District customers may be missing because "they are afraid of the suburbs, minivans. They're out of their comfort zone."

## University Senate Meeting Agenda

The May Transition meeting of the University Senate will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2001. The meeting will convene at 3:15 p.m. in Room 0200 Skinner Building.

### Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Election of the Chair-Elect - Ballots will be distributed at the meeting.
3. Approval of the Senate Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2001 (Action)\*
4. Special Order of the Day
  - Gregory L. Geoffroy  
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
5. Report of the Outgoing-Chair, Mark Leone
  - a) Ceremonial Resolution on the hundredth anniversary of the Department of Communication (Action)\*
  - b) Report of the Approval of Plan of Organization for the College of Agriculture and Resource Economics
6. Report of the Chair, Ellie Weingaertner
7. Chair-Elect Election Results and Additional Elections
  - a) Announcement of the Chair-Elect
  - b) Special Elections (Action)\*
    - i. Senate Executive Committee
    - ii. Athletic Council
    - iii. Committee on Committees
    - iv. Campus Parking Advisory Committee (CPAC)
8. Report of Committees
  - a) Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee - Jean Dreher, Chair
    - i. Recommendation to Establish a Citation Template for Undergraduate Studies, Senate Document Number 99-00-78.1 (Action)\*
    - ii. Recommendation to Restructure the Ph.D. Program in French Language and Literature and Rename it as the Ph.D. in Modern French Studies, Senate Document Number 00-01-139 (Action)\*
  - b) Senate Faculty Affairs Committee - George Goldenbaum, Chair
    - i. Revision of the Policy on the Review of Department Chairs and Directors of Academic Units, Senate Document Number 00-01-112 (Action)\*
    - ii. Revision of the Policy on the Review of Deans of Academic Units, Senate Document Number 00-01-113 (Action)\*
9. New Business
10. Adjournment



# For Your Interest

## Forum on Volunteerism

The University of Maryland will host the second national Forum on Volunteerism, Service & Learning in Higher Education from June 23-26. Maryland faculty and staff can receive a 20 percent discount on the registration fee. The Forum will bring together administrators, practitioners, and students from throughout the higher education, service, and community sectors to enhance skills, create partnerships, and increase collaborations.

For further information and registration materials, visit <http://the-forum.org/forum/>. Or contact Megan Cooperman at (301) 405-0741 or [msussman@accmail.umd.edu](mailto:msussman@accmail.umd.edu), or visit [www.umd.edu/csp](http://www.umd.edu/csp).

## Golf Course Mother's Day Buffet

The Golf Course will be hosting a Mother's Day buffet on Sunday, May 13 with seatings from 11:30 to 5:30. The lavish buffet includes a medley of salads, Antipasto, fruits and cheeses, steamed shrimp, chef carved prime rib of beef and smoked turkey, smoked salmon, and more, PLUS a dessert buffet featuring French and Italian pastries and Bananas Foster over UM Dairy ice cream. Special Price for UM faculty, staff and their adult guests - \$18.95, Senior guests: \$14.95, Children 6-12: \$4.95, under 6 free. The price for the general public is \$22.95. Reservations are required at (301) 403-4240.

For more information, contact Nancy Loomis at (301) 403-4240 or [nloomis@dining.umd.edu](mailto:nloomis@dining.umd.edu).

## Professional Concepts Exchange Conference

The registration period has been extended for the Professional Concepts Exchange Conference, which will take place on May 18 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Stamp Student Union. Those still interested in attending may submit a form.

For more information, contact Gaynor Sale at (301) 314-9685 or [gs2@umail.umd.edu](mailto:gs2@umail.umd.edu).

## Annual Review of UM Libraries' Journal Subscriptions

At the recommendation of the University Senate's Library Council, and with the support of the Provost, the Libraries have instituted an annual review of journal subscriptions.

This year's review has yielded a list of potential cancellations, available at [www.lib.umd.edu/UMCP/CLMD/SERIALS/REVIEW/intro.html](http://www.lib.umd.edu/UMCP/CLMD/SERIALS/REVIEW/intro.html). The titles on the list were identified in cooperation with faculty and account for less than 1 percent of the UM Libraries journal budget.

Funds freed up through cancellations will be used for new subscriptions. Faculty can justify retention of any title on the list by contacting the contact person listed for the title on the web page. The deadline for justification of retention of a title is May 18, 2001.

For more information contact Karla Hahn at (301) 405-9117 or [kh86@umail.umd.edu](mailto:kh86@umail.umd.edu)

## Helping Some Special Athletes

From June 8-10, Special Olympics athletes will gather at the university to participate in Special Olympics Maryland 2001 Summer Games. The three-day competition includes sporting events in six

areas: aquatics, athletics (track and field), bowling (duckpin and tenpin), equestrian, golf and softball. Special Olympics Maryland estimates 1,200 athletes, 400 coaches and 2,000 volunteers will participate this year.

An elaborate opening ceremony will kick off the games and a closing ceremony will conclude the weekend. Volunteers are a fundamental element of the Summer Games. Special Olympics Maryland needs

themums (36 varieties!), bedding plants, Australian outback plants, begonias, impatiens, marigolds, snapdragons and more will be on sale from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. both days. For more information, contact Catherine at (301) 405-4376.

## Saturdays at the Dairy

Starting May 5, the Dairy will be serving up award winning University of Maryland Ice Cream every Saturday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Bring your family and friends to enjoy our rich ice cream served up in cones, sundaes, thick shakes and floats! Saturday hours will run through October 6. For more information, contact Shirlene Chase at (301) 405-1415 or [schase@dining.umd.edu](mailto:schase@dining.umd.edu).

## Winning Here & Now

Winners of the annual graduate student poetry and fiction competitions sponsored by the Creative Writing program will read from their works Wednesday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in the McKeldin Library Special Events Room.

The Academy of American Poets Prize winner is Christine Perrin. Annie Kantar received an honorable mention.

The Katherine Anne Porter Fiction Prize went to Robin Vazquez. Bo Schwerin

received second prize, and Deborah Schwartz, third.

The judges were Ira Sadoff for poetry; for fiction, Olive Senior.

The reading is the last of the year for the Writers Here & Now series. For more information, call (301) 405-3820.

## CTE Resource Packets Online

The Center for Teaching Excellence is continuing to improve and expand its resource materials for the campus community. They have acquired four new resource packets from the Professional Organization Development Network (POD Network), which is dedicated to improving teaching and learning on campuses across the United States.

The new online CTE Resource Packets are:

- Alternative to Traditional Teaching Methods and Learning Strategies
- Defining and Characterizing Teaching
- The Student/Teacher Relationship
- Motivating Students

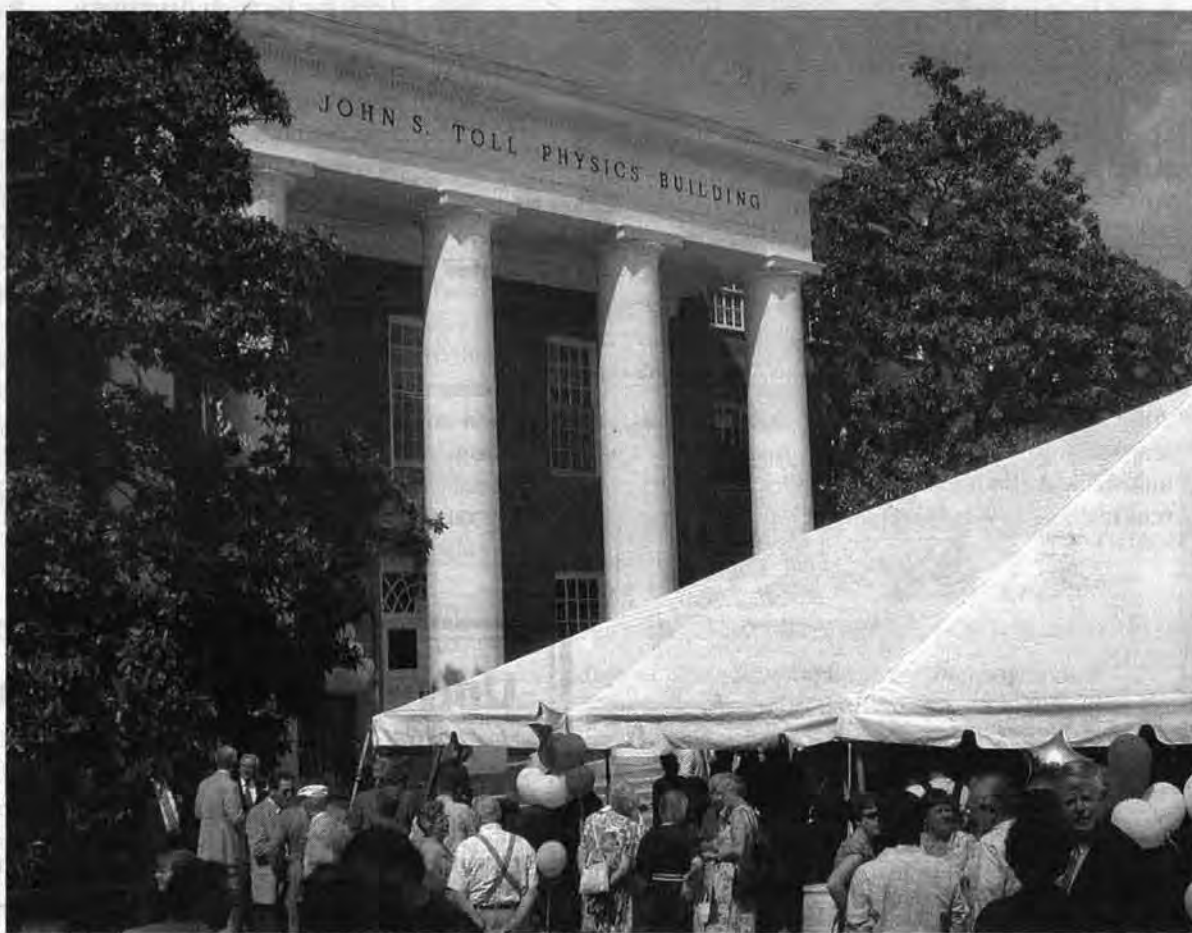
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## Writing Wrongs

Anyone who must communicate with others in writing in the workplace will want to attend "Writing Wrongs: Better Memos, Business Letters, and E-mails."

This seminar is not simply about how to correct mistakes and repair broken writing. Participants will learn a process approach to help produce effective writing the first time around.

The seminar will feature Edwin Sapp and will take place on Wednesday, May 16 from 2-4 p.m. in room 1199 ITV Building. Tickets are available at ITV Professional Development. For more information, contact Glenn Brown at (301) 314-4905 or [itv@eng.umd.edu](mailto:itv@eng.umd.edu).



The naming of the John S. Toll Physics Building was cause for celebration for many last week.

2,000 volunteers to ensure its success. Faculty, students and staff are encouraged to apply to volunteer. Volunteers have the opportunity to serve in various areas ranging from computer services, athlete escorting, running sports clinics and activities and much more.

For more information and to request a volunteer application, call (800) 541-7544 or visit the Web site at [www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org).

## Making the Mind-Machine Connection

The Human Computer Interaction (HCI) Laboratory will host its 18th Annual Symposium and Open House Thursday, May 31 and Friday, June 1. Pre-Symposium tutorials and workshops offering introductions to HCI, its applications for children and other topics will begin at 10 a.m., in locations to be determined, and a reception will follow until 6 p.m.

On Friday, the day begins with signing in and coffee at 8:15 in Skinner Hall. Topics presented later in the day will fall under three categories: mining creativity, information exploration and living & learning.

Conference fees are \$200 for Thursday's tutorials; price includes lunch, handout and the reception. A \$45 fee covers Thursday's workshop, and includes lunch, handout and reception. However, prior authorization is required. The cost for Friday's symposium is \$170 for industry and government representatives; the fee includes a one-hour videotape of HCIL 2001 video reports, technical reports, handouts, book discounts and lunch. The fee is \$100 for university faculty or staff, of Maryland or other institutions, and the symposium is free, without materials or lunch, to full-time students.

For more information, visit [www.cs.umd.edu/hcil](http://www.cs.umd.edu/hcil) or call (301) 405-2769.

## Just What the Flowerbeds Needed

Harrison Lab's spring sale will happen May 11 and 18 at the greenhouses on Route 1, across the street and to the right of the campus' main gates. Chrysan-